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SUBJ: PETROLEUM SECTOR IV GRANTS

REF: LAGOS 424

1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO REPORT THAT AFTER TWO YEARS OF EFFORT WITH MINISTRY OF MINES AND POWER, WE HAVE RECEIVED NOMINATIONS WHICH WILL PERMIT US TO IMPLEMENT CCP PROJECT TO SEND MMP OFFICIALS TO U.S. ON IV GRANTS. WE REGRET LATENESS OF SUBMISSION THIS PROPOSAL BUT PLACE VERY HIGH PRIORITY ON IT. THESE NOMINATIONS ARE INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CU PROPOSALS FOR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED THIS FIELD TO STUDY WAYS IN WHICH U.S. ENERGY SKILLS CAN BE TRANSFERRED AND ADAPTED TO NIGERIAN SITUATION. OBSERVATION TOURS TO INCLUDE U.S. OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, UNIVERSITIES AND SPECIAL INSTITUTES TEACHING COURSES THESE SUBJECTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN REGULATION OF INDUSTRY.

2. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF OIL/GAS FOR NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT, MAGNITUDE OF PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN COMING MONTHS AND YEARS, AND FACT THAT MMP FINALLY RESPONSIVE, WE BELIEVE IT STRONGLY IN U.S. INTEREST TO SHOW MMP OFFICIALS U.S. INDUSTRY, METHODS AND EQUIPMENT WHILE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDS. PROJECT SHOULD, INTER ALIA, ENHANCE EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH MMP, WHICH HAVE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT BEARINGS ON U.S. OBJECTIVES IN NIGERIA, AND SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL PROMOTION OF U.S. EQUIPMENT EXPORTS. WE STRONGLY URGE PRIORITY ALLOCATION OF FY 74 FALL OUT FUNDS FOR

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THIS PROJECT.

3. TO IMPLEMENT CCP PROJEC TO SEND MINISTRY
OF MINES AND POWER OFFICIALS TO U.S. ON IV GRANTS, EMBASSY NOMINATING
FR 30-DAY VISIT MR.O.A. OKANIA, CHIEF ENGINEER (FIELD
OPERATIONS) AND MR.G. UZODIKE, SENIOR PETROLEUM ENGINEER,
AS PRINCIPALS IN PROGRAM TO INCLUDE:

A. APPLIED RESERVOIR ENGINEERING COURSE, SPNSORED BY
OIL AND GAS CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL, AT NEWPORT BEACH,
CALIFORNIA, APRIL 22-MAY 3. ESTIMATED TUITION IS DOLS. 450 PER
PERSON. TO FACILITATE ENROLLMENT, SUGGEST DEPT. CONTACT
MR. THOMAS O. ALLEN, PRESIDENT, OGCI, TULSA, OKLAHOMA,
TEL. (918) 587-8668.

B. OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, HOUSTON, TEXAS
MAY 6-8 (SEE REFTEL). REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE
FROM CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS FOR NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS.

C. OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION TOUR U.S.
SEVERAL COMPANIES, INCLUDING TEXACO, HAVE INDICATED
INTEREST IN ASSISTING PROGRAMMING SHOULD SUCH VISIT
MATERIALIZE.

ALTERNATES: MR. J. N. UDOFIA, PETROLEUM ENGINEER IN
CHARGE, WARRI; AND MR. L.C. OKOCHA, PETROLEUM ENGINEER
IN TRAINING.

4. ALSO NOMINATING MR. S.M. AKPE, CHIEF ENGINEER
(CONSERVATION), AND MR. Y.B. SOGBAMU, PETROLEUM ENGINEER
(IN TRAINING) TO ATTEND LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS COURSE,
SPONSORED BY INSTITUTE OF GAS TECHNOLOGY, CHICAGO, JULY 8-19
AS PART OF 30-DAY OBSERVATION CONSULTATION TOUR BEGINNING
ABOUT JULY 1.

ALTERNATES: MR.E.I. OKEKE, PETROLEUM ENGINEER,
AND MR.A. C. ORESANYA, PETROLEUM ENGINEER (TRAINING).

5. OKANLA BIODATA CONTAINED IN EMBASSY A-327 OF
DECEMBER 3, 1972; OTHER FOLLOW.

6. ADVISE.
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